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MILITARY COOPERATION BETWEEN INDIA AND U.S.A.
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussion/negotiation to promote military cooperation has been held between India and U.S.A.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress made in this regard so far; and

(d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): United States (US)-India military relations are advanced through the Defence Policy Group (DPG) and its constituent groups. Six meetings of the DPG have been held since it was constituted in 1995. The last meeting was held in June 2004. Discussions in the DPG cover a security dialogue, military- to-military cooperation, defence procurements, cooperation in defence Research & Development and defence technology security issues.

(c) & (d): There has been steady progress in US-India defence cooperation. Progress has been most visible in the area of military cooperation covering training, joint exercises and exchange of experience. Cooperation in other areas is also growing. Decisions on cooperative activities are taken by mutual agreement under the DPG as and when they meet.